

ITEM: 23

SUBJECT: Rio Alto Water District, Lake California Wastewater Treatment Plant, Tehama County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal and Adoption of a Cease and Desist Order*

BACKGROUND:

Rio Alto Water District (Discharger) owns and operates the Lake California Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), a publically owned treatment works in Cottonwood, Tehama County. The Discharger provides sewerage services for the community of Lake California and serves a population of approximately 1,600. The facility's average dry weather flow design capacity is 0.64 million gallons per day (mgd). The Facility currently discharges an average dry weather flow of 0.15 mgd of advanced secondary treated waste to the Sacramento River, a water of the United States. The proposed NPDES permit contains new effluent limits for chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, and zinc.

The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limits. The Discharger requested a compliance time schedule to evaluate potential alternatives required to comply with effluent limitations, identify and acquire funding sources, and complete construction of the selected alternative. The accompanying tentative Cease and Desist Order contains a compliance time schedule and interim effluent limits to allow the Discharger time to complete the selected compliance alternative. The compliance time schedule is as short as possible.

ISSUES: Comments were received from the Discharger and USEPA. Revisions were made in response to the comments. The item is uncontested at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

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